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paid

The Honorable McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

5 JUN 1965

Dear Mr. Bundy:

In accordance with the request of the Secretary of Defense, the intelligence community has prepared and has transmitted to him Special National Intelligence Estimate 10-6-65, which discusses probable Communist reactions to the employment of B-52's in attacks on SAM sites and the jet aircraft deployed at airfields in the Hanoi-Haiphong area. A copy of this estimate is forwarded herewith to you for your information. You will also find enclosed two related estimates: SNIE 10-6/1-65, which discusses Communist and non-Communist reactions to possible B-52 strikes on enemy positions within South Vietnam, and SNIE 10-7-65, which discusses probable Communist reactions should the U. S. decide not to attack the SAM's and jet aircraft on the airfields mentioned above.

These three papers have been approved by the members of the United States Intelligence Board, though the State Department member dissents from paragraph 8 and the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USAF, from paragraphs 4 and 12 of SNIE 10-6-65.

We are of course keeping under constant review the evidence concerning the support furnished to the DRV by the USSR and Communist China. As this support changes and the political situation changes, we will be prepared to estimate the implications of the changed conditions for U. S. policy.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. F. Raborn
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